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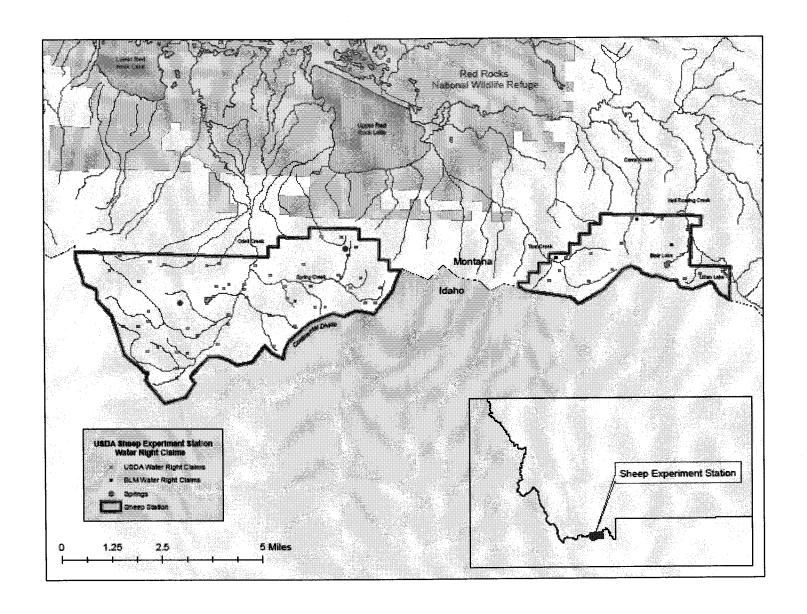
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Sheep Experiment

Station and

State of Montana

Water Rights Compact



# Sheep Experiment Station Compact:

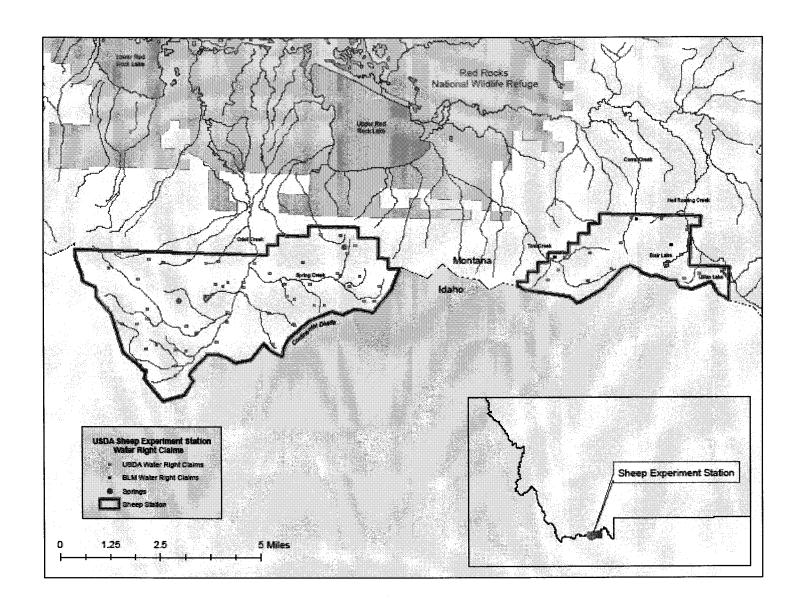
 Recognizes the ARS federal reserved water rights for the purpose of experimental sheep grazing.

### **Reserved Water Rights**

- Stock Water Use
- Administrative uses
- Emergency fire suppression

### Stock Water Use

Current stock water use on Sheep Experiment Station for 11.72 acre-feet per year



### Future Use

• Future use for Sheep Experiment Station lands for stock water and administrative uses up to a total of 15 acre-feet per year.

#### Administrative uses

- Domestic
- Administrative
- Storage
- Dust abatement
- Reclamation
- Research

## **Emergency Fire Suppression**

As needed

 The priority date for federal reserved water rights in this compact is December 10, 1922.

Public Meeting in Lima, Nov. 15, 2006